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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
**NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**  
**SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION**

FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE INSURANCE  
COMPANY, et al,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

JAMES C. CASTLE aka J. CHRISTOPER  
CASTLE, et al,

Defendants.

Case No. 3:11-cv-00896 -SI

**MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND  
AUTHORITIES IN OPPOSITION TO  
MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY  
INJUNCTION**

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## INTRODUCTION

Plaintiffs here seek to obtain a preliminary injunction freezing all the assets in bank accounts belonging to the enjoined defendants.<sup>1</sup> However they have utterly failed to meet their evidentiary burden, often not even mentioning critical elements. They have failed to make *any* evidentiary showing of wrongful conduct on the part of the enjoined defendants, much less the substantial showing necessary to preclude the enjoined defendants' use of their own money pending an eventual trial, perhaps years from now. They have not set forth the correct standard for obtaining a preliminary injunction and have not even addressed two of the required elements. They have not *attempted* to offer evidence that they will prevail on their substantive claims. Their evidentiary showing that they will prevail on their request for equitable relief in the form of a constructive trust is practically nonexistent. Finally, they offer no evidence *whatsoever* that the drastic remedy of an asset freeze is warranted with respect to the enjoined defendants. Plaintiffs offer nothing more than vague and sweeping conclusions about "fraud" and "schemes" and "sham liens." Talk is cheap; plaintiffs have failed to show us the evidence. Their request for a preliminary injunction must be rejected.

This case arises out of the debacle created in the housing market by the banking industry's "securitization" of hundreds of thousands – if not millions – of home mortgage loans in the industry's relentless scheme to squeeze ever more money from the loans they made to American homeowners. In the end, the banking industry's reckless, and often illegal, practices made them billions of dollars but caused countless ordinary people to be ruined financially and brought the entire economy to the edge of disaster, avoiding that result only by the massive injection of taxpayer funds into the banks (which nevertheless went back to their former, ruinous practices).

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<sup>1</sup> The defendants who are subject to the court's temporary restraining order are JAMES C. CASTLE ("Castle"), CCTT GROUP, CJT FINANCIAL GROUP, OREPLEX INTERNATIONAL LLC, and JTF CONSULTING LLC ("JTF"). They are collectively referred to in this memorandum as the "enjoined defendants." Counsel does not represent JTF and the other four enjoined defendants have no knowledge of its alleged existence or conduct.

1           The enjoined defendants here are not the schemers portrayed by plaintiffs as seeking to  
 2 defraud buyers of residential properties. Instead, the enjoined defendants (beginning with a  
 3 home one of them owned) sought to help other homeowners quickly sell their homes in a falling  
 4 market. To do so they followed a widely available (albeit not yet tested in California courts)  
 5 “administrative default procedure” through which the “lender” acquiesced in reconveyance of  
 6 the deeds of trust for loans that had been separately assigned and then “securitized” by the  
 7 original beneficiary of the deed of trust (i.e., the lender). The procedure employed included the  
 8 conduct of a securitization audit (including an extensive search of EDGAR records) through  
 9 which it was determined that the lender named in the deed of trust did not own the loan  
 10 originally secured by the deed of trust. The procedure also included Qualified Written Request  
 11 letters (“QWRs”) to the lender (to which the lenders were required under RESPA and other laws  
 12 to respond) seeking to validate the information revealed by the securitization audit and also to  
 13 provide the lender with multiple opportunities to respond to the audit findings.<sup>2</sup> The effect of  
 14 this administrative procedure was to memorialize and record that the property no longer was  
 15 security for the note and document that the “lender” was estopped from later claiming otherwise.  
 16 Plaintiffs have offered no evidence whatsoever that this procedure, or the way it was  
 17 implemented, is wrongful.<sup>3</sup>

18           This procedure was possible *only* because in each case the lender (or its successor) had  
 19 *voluntarily* assigned the note but not the deed of trust in order to generate more money from the  
 20 loan. In the process, the lender was fully paid for the note when it sold that note and ignored  
 21 California law requiring that the note and deed of trust be assigned (if at all) together. Thus,  
 22 although the borrower remained obligated on the note to its owner, the originating lender had no  
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 25           <sup>2</sup>       The QWR letters requested other information as well.

26           <sup>3</sup>       The essence of the damages claimed is that the original lenders were not paid off  
 27 when the property was later sold. However, in each case the lender refused to provide  
 28 information (as it was required to do by federal law) establishing that it was, in fact, the owner of  
 the note. A party cannot simultaneously refuse to provide evidence that it is entitled to enforce  
 an obligation and enforce that same obligation.

1 legal right to foreclose.

2 The homeowner plaintiffs<sup>4</sup> may (or may not) have a claim for damages but if they do it is  
3 against the lenders who wrongfully foreclosed on their property or otherwise clouded their title.  
4 Similarly, the title company and bank plaintiffs, if they have a claim at all against the enjoined  
5 defendants (which is doubtful) must rely on the contention that the enjoined defendants' conduct  
6 (reconveyance of the deed of trust and failure to pay the note with the proceeds of the sale of the  
7 homes) was wrongful in some manner. They have not done so here.

## 8 9 **LEGAL ARGUMENT**

### 10 **I. PLAINTIFFS HAVE FAILED TO ESTABLISH THAT A PRELIMINARY** 11 **INJUNCTION SHOULD BE ISSUED**

#### 12 **A. Plaintiffs' Motion Is Based On An Incorrect Standard For Determining** 13 **Whether A Preliminary Injunction Should Be Issued**

14 Plaintiffs assert that the test for whether a preliminary injunction is appropriate is  
15 "either a combination of probable success of [sic] merits and irreparable injury or that serious  
16 questions are raised and the balance of hardships tips in his favor." *See Memorandum of Points*  
17 *and Authorities In Support of Exparte Motion For A Temporary Restraining Order, Order to*  
18 *Show Cause Why a Preliminary Injunction Should Not Issue And Other Relief* ("Plaintiffs'  
MPA") at 22:5-11. This is simply not correct.

19 A party seeking a preliminary injunction must establish four elements: (1) that he is  
20 *likely* to succeed on the merits; (2) that he is *likely* to suffer *irreparable harm* in the absence of  
21 preliminary relief; (3) that the balance of equities tips in his favor; and (4) that the injunction is  
22 in the public interest. *Winter v. NRDC* (2008) 555 U.S. 7, 20; *Thalheimer v. City of San Diego*  
23 (2011) 645 F.3d 1109, 1115. Plaintiffs have not even addressed the third and fourth required  
24 elements at all, and have provided no evidence to support their bare claim that the first two  
25 elements militate in their favor.

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28 <sup>4</sup> The homeowner plaintiffs are those who bought the properties on which the deeds  
of trust had been reconveyed.

**B. Plaintiffs Have Not Offered Any Evidence – Let Alone Admissible Evidence – That They Are Likely To Succeed On The Merits**

**1. Plaintiffs Offer No Evidence That They Will Prevail On Their Substantive Claims**

The first element that Plaintiffs must establish is that they are likely to prevail on the merits of their substantive claims. Unless that showing is made, the court need not consider the remaining elements required for a preliminary injunction. *See Thalheimer v. City of San Diego, supra*, at 1115; *Advertise.com, Inc. v. AOL Advertising, Inc.*, 616 F.3d 974, 982 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2010); *see also Lazar v. Hertz Corp.*, 143 Cal. App. 3d 128, 139 (1983) (constructive trust requires establishment of underlying claim).

Here, Plaintiffs have made no attempt to show that they will prevail on their substantive claims for fraud, conspiracy to defraud, Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (“RICO”) violation,<sup>5</sup> breach of contract, and breach of implied covenant to convey merchantable title against the enjoined defendants. Indeed, they barely mention these claims in their supporting papers. Instead they have submitted approximately 600 pages of purported “evidence” but have provided no reference to any element of their claims. It imposes an intolerable burden on the Court and opposing counsel to expect them to dig through plaintiffs’ voluminous documentary “evidence” in quest of any admissible evidence that would likely prove plaintiffs’ claims. Nevertheless, defendants’ counsel has done so and found that there is none to be had.

For example, consider plaintiffs’ First Cause Of Action for fraud. *See First Amended Complaint For: 1. Fraud, etc.* (“FAC”) ¶¶ 222-228.<sup>6</sup> Under California law the elements of fraud that give rise to a tort action for deceit are (1) misrepresentation (false representation,

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<sup>5</sup> The law is settled in this Circuit that an injunction is not available to a private RICO plaintiff. *See Matek v. Murat*, 862 F.2d 720, 733 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1988), citing *Religious Technology Center v. Wollersheim*, 796 F.2d 1076, 1084 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1986), cert. denied, 479 U.S. 1103 (1987).

<sup>6</sup> Only three transactions directly implicate the enjoined defendants: Brown Street (see Plaintiffs’ MPA at 3:12-4:12), Loch Dane (see Plaintiffs’ MPA at 6:5-7:5), and Northcrest (see Plaintiffs’ MPA at 10:14-11:27).



1 concealment or nondisclosure; (2) knowledge of falsity (“scienter”); (3) intent to defraud, i.e., to  
 2 induce reliance; (4) justifiable reliance; and (5) resulting damage. *Engalla v. Permanente*  
 3 *Medical Group, Ins.*, 15 Cal.4th 952, 974 (1997). While Plaintiffs’ MPA is replete with  
 4 conclusory references to “fraud” and “fraudulently” and “sham” acts and “schemes,” they proffer  
 5 *no* evidence that identifies a false representation, concealment or nondisclosure by the enjoined  
 6 defendants to the plaintiffs.<sup>7</sup> In fact, the FAC falls woefully short of the Rule 9(b) standards for  
 7 pleading fraud with particularity; the FAC also relies heavily on generic allegations that each  
 8 defendant is the “agent” and “alter ego” of each other defendant, but fails to specifically identify  
 9 the particular conduct attributable to each of the defendants. While these are matters that will be  
 10 raised in the Rule 12 motions, these legal deficiencies in pleading also infect the motion for  
 11 preliminary injunction. Thus, for example, while Plaintiffs allege that defendant Castle  
 12 represented that he owned the Brown Street property free and clear of liens and showed the  
 13 Brown Street reconveyance to prove that fact (*see* Plaintiffs’ MPA at 3:25-28), *they offer no*  
 14 *evidence that this statement is false, nor have they alleged or established the elements of actual*  
 15 *and justifiable reliance.* Plaintiffs also argue that none of their purchase money was used to pay  
 16 off the note (*see* Plaintiffs’ MPA at 4:1-5), but again *there is no evidence that the defendants had*  
 17 *a duty to pay the note or had promised to do so.*

18 Plaintiffs contend that the Loch Dane and Northcrest properties involved “sham” sales  
 19 because defendants did not actually make the loans to the buyers of the properties although they  
 20 recorded a deed of trust stating there was such a loan. *See* Plaintiffs’ MPA at 6:10-14 and 10:22-  
 21 25 and Exhibits 11 and 32. But *absolutely no evidence is produced that such loans were not*  
 22 *made.* The motion is based on suspicion and surmise. In fact, the exact same allegations are  
 23 made in the FAC on information and belief (*see* FAC ¶¶ 115 and 148), and plaintiffs offer no  
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 27 <sup>7</sup> There are neither charging allegations nor admissible evidence connecting the  
 28 enjoined defendants with the other transactions. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 9(b) and *Moore v. Payport*  
*Package Exp., Inc.*, 885 F.2d 531, 540 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1989) [pleadings must specify “the time, place  
 and nature of the alleged fraudulent activities”].

1 better evidence here.<sup>8</sup>

2       There is a similar lack of evidence to establish that the defendants knew of the alleged  
3 falsity, intended to defraud the plaintiffs, that the plaintiffs justifiably relied on the alleged  
4 misrepresentations or that there any resulting damages. Instead of providing admissible  
5 evidence, plaintiffs attempt to focus solely on whether they have established a right to a  
6 constructive trust and asset freeze pending trial. Constructive trust, however, is an equitable  
7 *remedy* that compels the transfer of wrongfully held property to its rightful owner. *Mattel, Inc. v.*  
8 *MGA Entertainment, Inc.*, 616 904, 908-909 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2010); Plaintiffs have put the cart before  
9 the (in this case nonexistent) horse. First they must establish that they have legally viable claims  
10 upon which they are likely to prevail at trial. Only then can they proceed to establish that they  
11 would be entitled to a constructive trust based on those claims. As it turns out they can do  
12 neither.<sup>9</sup>

## 13                   2.       **Plaintiffs Have Not Established That They Are Likely To Prevail On** 14                   **Their Claim For A Constructive Trust**

15       Even assuming plaintiffs had provided evidence to establish that they are likely to prevail  
16 on their substantive claims, they have not provided evidence that they would then be entitled to a  
17 constructive trust.

18       Plaintiffs correctly argue that they must show three elements to justify the imposition of a  
19 constructive trust: (1) the existence of a *res*; (2) the plaintiff's right to that *res*, and (3) the  
20 defendant's gain of that *res* by a wrongful act. *Lazar v. Hertz Corp.*, *supra*, at 139. But they fail  
21 to provide evidence of those elements.

22       Plaintiffs identify the *res* as the money that (some of the) homeowner plaintiffs paid the  
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25       <sup>8</sup> Plaintiffs also contend that the reconveyances to the home buyers were signed by  
26 Carl Wallace as an authorized agent for the original lender. See Plaintiffs' MPA at 6:15-19, 11:  
27 1-8. Mr. Wallace is not an enjoined defendant but defendants note that there is no evidence  
proffered that he is not an authorized agent.

28       <sup>9</sup> Note that an injunction is a matter of equitable discretion; it does not follow from  
success on the merits as a matter of course. *Winter v. NRDC, Inc.*, *supra*, at 32.

1 enjoined defendants when they purchased their homes. *See* Plaintiffs’ MPA 22:23-24.  
 2 However, they proffer no evidence of any kind whatsoever that the res they claim resides in the  
 3 frozen assets. A constructive trust in a specific *res* is not the same as a general attachment of  
 4 funds to secure a damages claim.<sup>10</sup> Plaintiffs claim they have a right to the *res* “because the liens  
 5 that those monies should have been used to pay either remain on their properties or have been  
 6 foreclosed on. *See* Plaintiffs’ MPA 22:23-25. But plaintiffs have not even alleged, much less  
 7 provided (admissible) evidence, that the enjoined defendants ever had an obligation to pay off  
 8 the note, which was no longer secured by the real property. The alleged wrongful act is asserted  
 9 to be diverting the “[p]laintiffs’ purchase monies for [the enjoined defendants’] own use by  
 10 fraudulently reconveying the legitimate deed of trust on the property thereby allowing [the  
 11 enjoined defendants] to abscond with [p]laintiffs’ purchase money. *See* Plaintiffs’ MPA 22:25-  
 12 27. There is no evidence supporting this argumentative assertion. No evidence was presented  
 13 that the deed of trust was “fraudulently” reconveyed. In any case the alleged “wrongful act” is  
 14 unconnected to the alleged right of the plaintiffs to the *res*: If their right to the money is based  
 15 on the enjoined defendants’ failure to pay the note that was originally secured by the real  
 16 property, the enjoined defendants’ reconveyance is irrelevant.

17 Plaintiffs have failed to show that it is likely that they will obtain a constructive trust on  
 18 the enjoined defendants’ assets after a trial on the merits; they thus cannot obtain a preliminary  
 19 injunction on that theory now.

20 **C. Plaintiffs Have Not Shown That They Are Likely To Suffer Irreparable**  
 21 **Harm In The Absence of A Preliminary Injunction**

22 Plaintiffs seeking preliminary relief must also demonstrate that irreparable injury is likely  
 23 in the absence of an injunction. *Winter v. NRDC, Inc., supra*, at 22. All of plaintiffs’ claims of  
 24 irreparable injury constitute monetary harm. *See* Plaintiffs’ MPA 23:1-18. Monetary injury is  
 25 not normally considered irreparable. *Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum Commission v. NFL*, 634  
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 28 <sup>10</sup> Plaintiffs neither seek, nor are they entitled to, a Right To Attach Order.

1 F.2d 1197, 1202 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1980).

2 Plaintiffs claim here, however, that the preliminary relief of an “asset freeze” is necessary  
3 because the defendants “will dispose of, conceal or send abroad all of the Assets.” *See* Plaintiffs’  
4 MPA 23:15-16. Their evidence for this claim: None!

5 A party seeking an asset freeze must show a *likelihood* of dissipation of the claimed  
6 assets, or other inability to recover monetary damages, if relief is not granted. *Johnson v.*  
7 *Couturier*, 572 F.3d 1067, 1085 (9th Cir. 2009). Not a single piece of the voluminous so-called  
8 “evidence” submitted in support of this motion justifies even an inference that the enjoined  
9 defendants will abscond with money claimed by plaintiffs, and plaintiffs do not argue that there  
10 is such evidence. Instead they contend that “it is clear from Defendants’ blatant disregard of the  
11 law and their utter disregard for the welfare of their victims that absent the Asset Freeze,  
12 Defendants will dispose of, conceal or send abroad all of the Assets.” *See* Plaintiffs’ MPA  
13 23:14-16. The court in *TAGC Management, LLC v. Lehman, Lee & Xu Ltd.*, 2010 U.S. Dist.  
14 LEXIS 92138 (C.D. Cal. 2010) decisively rejected a similar claim:

15 Plaintiffs conclusorily argue that, because the alleged facts in this  
16 case paint Defendant [the defendant] as a fraudster "there is a  
17 substantial likelihood that [he] will flee the Court's jurisdiction [if  
18 temporary relief is not granted.]" Pl.'s Mem. at 20. The fact that  
19 Defendants may have been engaged in some sort of fraud does not  
20 automatically justify the issuance of an asset freeze. Plaintiffs  
21 allegations of injury are financial in nature and, therefore,  
22 compensable. In addition, although Plaintiffs speculate that a given  
23 defendant's willingness to commit a fraud evinces the same

20 defendant's willingness to wrongfully dissipate assets or to flee the  
21 Court's jurisdiction, "[s]peculative injury does not constitute  
22 irreparable injury." [Citation omitted.] The only support that  
23 Plaintiffs offer for the specific claim that Defendants are likely to  
24 dissipate assets or flee the Court's jurisdiction is the conjectural  
25 assertion that "[defendant] will go to any length to achieve his goal  
26 [of defrauding Plaintiffs]." Pl.'s Mem. at 20. Plaintiffs have failed  
27 to meet their burden of showing that they are entitled to the  
28 "drastic remedy" of emergency injunctive relief. [Citation  
omitted.]

26 *Vaccaro v. Sparks*, 2011 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 66141, 4-6 (C.D. 2011). *Ad hominem* attacks cannot  
27 substitute for evidence establishing that irreparable harm to the plaintiffs is likely in the absence  
28 of injunctive relief.

In this case, no evidence of any kind has been produced that even purports to establish that “[d]efendants will dispose of, conceal or send abroad all of the Assets.” In such circumstances a preliminary injunction is improper. *See Sampson v. Murray*, 415 U.S. 61, 88, 91-92 (1974) (when no witnesses were heard on the issue of irreparable injury, respondent's complaint was not verified, and affidavit she submitted to the District Court did not touch in any way upon considerations relevant to irreparable injury order for preliminary injunction was improper). And even if there were evidence of fraud, such evidence, alone, would be insufficient to justify an asset freeze. *Compare FTC v. John Beck Amazing Profits, LLC*, 2009 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 130923, 45-46 (C.D. Cal. 2009) (fraud alone will not justify an asset freeze) *with FTC v. Willms*, 2011 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 103160, 34-35 (W.D. Wash. 2011) (evidence that defendants had likely engaged in misleading marketing practices, had foreign bank accounts through which they transferred funds and email activity suggested the movement of funds outside of the United States might have been for an improper purpose justified asset freeze). The enjoined defendants have no such foreign bank accounts and have not transferred any monies they have received to such accounts. *See Castle Decl.* ¶ 11.

An asset freeze is not justified in such circumstances. *See FTC v. Willms, supra*, at 35 (asset freeze could not be ordered against defendants who did not engage in offshore transfer of assets).

Plaintiffs have not produced any evidence, much less sufficient evidence, to justify freezing the assets of the enjoined defendants.

**D. Plaintiffs Have Not Shown That The Balance of Equities Tips In Their Favor**

In order to obtain preliminary relief the plaintiffs must show that the balance of equities tips in their favor. In each case, courts must balance the competing claims of injury and must consider the effect on each party of the granting or withholding of the requested relief. *Winter v. NRDC, Inc.*, *supra*, at 24; *Independent Living Center of Southern California, Inc. v. Maxwell-Jolly*, 572 F.3d 644, 651 (9th Cir. 2009).

Plaintiffs have made no effort to address the balance of equities in their request for a preliminary injunction. The only “equity” in favor plaintiffs is apparently the speculation that

the enjoined defendants might possibly abscond with the funds before trial. As set forth in Part C, above, that is insufficient to support a preliminary injunction.

On the other hand, the equities in favor of *not* issuing the preliminary injunction are substantial. Defendant Castle requires approximately \$10,500 per month to meet the basic expenses of himself and his family. *See* Castle Decl. ¶ 8. He also needs funds to defend this litigation.

The funds in the bank accounts to which he has access are the major source of paying those expenses. *Id.* ¶ 10. To preclude him from accessing those accounts during what no doubt will be protracted litigation would cause serious financial hardship and could eventually lead to bankruptcy. *Id.* Such a result would be unconscionable in any circumstance but particularly so here where the defendants have done nothing more than sling insults without any supporting evidence.

**E. Plaintiffs Have Not Shown That There Is No Public Interest Involved**

The public interest analysis for the issuance of a preliminary injunction requires the court to consider whether there exists some critical public interest that would be injured by the grant of preliminary relief. *Independent Living Center of Southern California, Inc., supra* 659. Plaintiffs have failed to produce any evidence or argument on this one way or another.

**II. IF THE COURT CONSIDERS ISSUANCE OF THE INJUNCTION IT MUST BE NARROWLY TAILORED AND AN ADEQUATE BOND REQUIRED**

Injunctive relief must be tailored to remedy the specific harm alleged. *Lamb-Weston, Inc. v. McCain Foods, Ltd.*, 941 F.2d 970, 974 (9th Cir.1991). An overbroad injunction is an abuse of discretion. *Ibid.* This is particularly true when a preliminary injunction is involved. *Zepeda v. United States Immigration & Naturalization Service*, 753 F.2d 719, 728, fn. 1 (9th Cir. 1983).

In this case if the court considers issuing an injunction at all (and the enjoined defendants vehemently dispute that an injunction would be improper) it must *exclude* from the order freezing assets such funds as are necessary to permit Castle expend the reasonably necessary funds for his living expenses and funds necessary for the enjoined defendants to defend themselves in this lawsuit (costs which are likely to be extremely substantial).

1 In addition, the court should require the plaintiffs to post a bond adequate to cover the  
 2 losses to the enjoined defendants in the event they do not prevail. That would include loss of  
 3 home, automobile, interest, damage to credit, and the collateral damage from loss of access to  
 4 funds necessary to defend this action. The current bond of \$10,000 is woefully inadequate. *See*  
 5 *Declaration of Ann McFarland Draper In Opposition to Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary*  
 6 *Injunction.*

### 7 **III. OBJECTIONS TO EVIDENCE**

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 9 Defendants object to the declarations, documents and request for judicial notice proffered  
 10 by Plaintiffs as “evidence” in support of their *Ex Parte Motion For A Temporary Restraining*  
 11 *Order, Order to Show Cause Why A Preliminary Injunction Should Not Issue*, specifically the  
 12 declarations of David Hanna, Wesley Halihan, Li-Ling Sung, Richard Heinz, Brian Phuong,  
 13 Tamar Schiller and Stephen Seto, as well as the Request for Judicial Notice. Defendants further  
 14 request that all inadmissible evidence be stricken and be not considered by the Court in  
 15 determining the issues raised in the motion.

16 The proffered “evidence” is replete with inadmissible hearsay, and includes material that  
 17 is irrelevant, argumentative, and for which the declarant lacks personal knowledge or  
 18 competence. The attached exhibits are also inadmissible hearsay, are unauthenticated, and in  
 19 most cases lack foundation. These deficiencies are particularly egregious in the case of the  
 20 Tamar Schiller, who is merely a claims counsel for Plaintiff Fidelity National Title, yet attempts  
 21 (improperly) to authenticate voluminous documents for which she lacks personal knowledge, is  
 22 not the custodian, and cannot lay a foundation for admissibility. No explanation is given as to  
 23 why evidence was not proffered through competent witnesses – such as a title officer in charge  
 24 of the title plant, or a bank officer as to loan documents, or an escrow officer as to escrow  
 25 documents . . . particularly in light of the fact that movants spent months preparing their motion  
 26 papers.



1 In addition, although Tamar Schiller's declaration allegedly attaches 79 exhibits, counsel  
2 is unable to locate Exhibits 71 through 75 anywhere in the ECF system, and therefore concludes  
3 that they were never filed. Defendant objects to any consideration of these unfiled exhibits.

4 A party's declaration testimony is properly disregarded where the declaration cannot be  
5 based upon otherwise inadmissible evidence, including but not limited to: statements of "fact"  
6 that are irrelevant, immaterial and/ or prejudicial (Fed. R. Evid 401, 402 and/or 403); statements  
7 that are hearsay (Fed. R. Evid 801(c) and/or 802; statements that lack foundation (Fed. R. Evid.  
8 602); and statements of opinion (Fed. R. Evid. 701). Statements that lack documentary support  
9 and/or are contrary on their face are likewise inadmissible (Fed. R. Evid. 602 and 901).

10 Declarations containing such inadmissible evidence are to be disregarded by a court.

11 The motion papers comprise approximately 600 pages of documents. The declarations  
12 submitted consist uniformly of inadmissible material, and there are numerous exhibits.  
13 Defendants have set forth the general nature of their evidentiary objections above, in the body of  
14 the brief, but under the circumstances, given the overwhelming volume of evidence and the  
15 extent of inadmissibility involved, Defendants will also submit a separate Supplement Detailing  
16 Defendants' Evidentiary Objections and an administration motion seeking leave to do so.

### 17 18 CONCLUSION

19 It goes without saying that an injunction is an equitable remedy. It  
20 "is not a remedy which issues as of course," [citation omitted] or  
21 "to restrain an act the injurious consequences of which are merely  
22 trifling." [Citation omitted.] An injunction should issue only  
where the intervention of a court of equity "is essential in order  
effectually to protect property rights against injuries otherwise  
irremediable."

23 *Weinberger v. Romero-Barcelo*, 456 U.S. 305, 311-312 (1982). Plaintiffs have not even  
24 attempted to meet this high standard. Therefore, based on the arguments and authorities stated  
25 herein, the enjoined defendants request this court to (1) dissolve the temporary restraining order  
26 issued against the enjoined defendants and (2) deny the plaintiffs' motion for a preliminary  
27 injunction and expedited discovery. In the event the court does issue an injunction, it must  
28 exclude a restraint on monies necessary for the enjoined defendants to meet their living expenses



1 and costs in this litigation and require a substantial bond to be posted by the plaintiffs to protect  
2 the enjoined defendants.

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